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**Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
8 a.m. June 24, 2021**

**Attendees: Neil Belanger, Ed Bergeron, Michael Briggs, Al Cambridge, Theresa Ekdorn, Wendy Engle, Vijay Kumar, Katherine Methner, Marc Milburn, Jim Raschke**

**Absent: Pam Kincaid, Shawn Petrie, Bob Schneider**

**Guests: Jodi Valentino**

**Staff: Brenda Bachelder**

- I. Call to Order (ACT) – Katherine 8:00 a.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance (ACT) – Katherine/All
- III. Agenda Changes (DIS) – **Brenda suggested adding Corporation Insurance under Old Business.**
- IV. Introduction of Guests (INF) – Brenda noted that Jodi Valentino was present.
- V. Approval of April 29, 2021 & May 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes (ACT) – Katherine/All. **Correction needed on April 29, 2021 meeting minutes. Correct spelling of Vijay Kumar’s name will be updated. Motion made by Jim Raschke, seconded by Vijay Kumar, all approved.**
- VI. Treasurer’s Reports (INF) – **Jodi gave update. Financials accepted. Current balance for Revolving Loan Fund is \$15,380.92. \$21,000 was loaned out and YTD \$6929.64 has been collected.**
- VII. Executive Director’s Report (INF) – **Brenda Bachelder gave update.**
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. American Rescue Plan/County Wide Strategic Planning (DIS) – **Marc Milburn noted that the Board of Commissioners are still compiling data to develop a good plan that addresses the issues of the county. They will also be revisiting their strategic plan to spend the money wisely**
  - B. EDC Strategic Planning – **Group discussed strategic planning for the EDC. Katherine will reach out to her contact (Lisa Hadden) to see what/how services can be delivered. Ed suggested reviewing EMCOG’s CED’s. Brenda will reach out to MSUE and JoJean Thompson. The EDC does have funding available for strategic planning. Once information is obtained, a specific meeting for strategic planning will need to be scheduled.**
  - C. Financial Education Grant — **Tabled. Pam was unable to attend the meeting.**
  - D. EDC Meeting Structure — **Brenda discussed the meeting structure going forward.**
  - E. Covid-19 Microloan Repayment Update — **Brenda will make phone contact with the two businesses that are behind on their payments.**



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- F. Corporation Insurance — **Board members want legal advice on standard amounts that other EDC's have in place. Board would like liability insurance and to be bonded. Ed Bergeron asked how we are covered by legislation act under which we were formed. Brenda will get with Jodi to do additional fact finding.**
  
- IX. New Business
  - A. USDA Rise Grant—**Brenda gave update on the webinar that she attended.**
  
- X. Covid-19 Health Update (INF) – **Jim Rascke gave update on county and noted that we can remove this item from future agendas.**
  
- XI. Roscommon County Business Update (INF) – Katherine/All. **None**
  
- XII. Committee Member Comments (INF) – Katherine/All. **Jim Raschke discussed the need for child care centers. Discussed inviting senators/representatives to our meetings. Theresa reported that their will be two new Great Getaways episodes airing soon on PBS. Ed Bergeron noted that perhaps we could hold a meeting or do a tour at LSSU at Charlton Heston.**
  
- XIII. Guest Comments (INF) – Katherine/All. **Jodi gave an update on the Cherry Capital Communications and the NTIA Broadband Grant that is due August 17<sup>th</sup>.**
  
- XIV. Agenda items for the next meeting (DIS) – Katherine/All. **None**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:16**